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SUBJ: PORI POLL

FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS PORI STUDY 275, I.D. MAY 29-JUN 6

1. USA AND WORLD PROBLEMS: A PLURAL OF 34.6 PERCENT OF TOTAL ISRAELI POPULATION DO NOT HAVE VERY MUCH CONFIDENCE IN U.S. ABILITY TO DEAL WISELY WITH PRESENT WORLD PROBLEMS, AND ANOTHER 1.1 PERCENT DO NOT HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE AT ALL. ONLY 12.1 PERCENT HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE IN US ABILITY TO DEAL WISELY WITH PRESENT WORLD PROBLEMS, AND ANOTHER SIZEABLE GROUP, OF 32.8 PERCENT, HAVE A " FAIR AMOUNT" OF CONFIDENCE. THESE RESULTS ARE ALMOST SAME AS OBTAINED IN PORI'S APRIL 1975 STUDY EXCEPT FOR SHIFT BETWEEN THE DON'T KNOWS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE AT ALL.

2. VIETNAM-AFTER EFFECT: THE ENDING OF US INVOLVEMENT IN INDO-CHINA CAUSED A LOSS OF FACE FOR US AMONG ISRAELIS. A MAJORITY OF 46.7 PERCENT BELIEVE THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WILL, IN LONG RUN, DIMINISH INFLUENCE OF US IN WORLD AFFAIRS, COMPARED WITH ONLY 11.6 PERCENT WHO

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BELIEVE IT WILL INCREASE US INFLUENCE. (22.4 PERCENT BELIEVE, HOWEVER

, THAT IT WON'T HAVE MUCH EFFECT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.) EVEN A GREATER NUMBER, 57.3 PERCENT, BELIEVE THAT US DID NOT DO ALL IT SHOULD TO

MEET ITS COMMITMENTS TO SOUTH VIETNAM, AS COMPARED WITH 23.6 PER CENT WHO BELIEVE THAT U.S. DID ALL IT SHOULD.

3. USA-ISREL REALATIONS: A MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS TRUST THAT US WILL COME TO DEFENSE OF ISRAEL IN EVENT COUNTRY'S SECURITY WERE THREATENED BY SOME OTHER COUNTRY. 39.1 PERCENT HAVE A "FAIR AMOUNT" OF TURST AND 14.3 PERCENT HAVE A "GREAT DEAL". BUT 30.3 PERCENT DO NOT HAVE VERY MUCH TRUST AND 8.8 PERCENT HAVE NO TRUST AL ALL. THE TRUST IN US HELP GETS FURTHER EMPHASIS SINCE 52.3 PERCENT BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL COULD NOT HOLD ON IF THE US WOULD NOT SEND MORE MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AS COMPARED TO ONLY HALF THIS NUMBER, 26.3 PERCENT, WHO BELIEVE ISRAEL COULD HOLD ON EVEN IN SUCH A CASE. THE FEAR THAT US MIGHT COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE, WHICH WAS RATHER STRONG AT THE END OF 1973 AND BEGINNING OF 1974, HAS SOMEWHAT EASED NOW. ONLY 27.9 PERCENT DO FEAR NOW SUCH A MOVE BY THE US, WHILE 38.0 PERCENT FEARED SUCH A MOVE IN NOVEMBER 1973, AND 36.2 PERCENT IN MARCH 1974.

4. THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL: KISSINGER'S POPULARITY IN ISRAEL IS NOW AT ALL-TIME LOW. 62.7 PERCENT ARE UNSATISFIED WITH HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AS COMPARED WITH ONLY 12.5 PERCENT WHO ARE SATISFIED WITH HIM. THESE FINDINGS ARE IN COMPLETE OPPOSIT TO HIS POPULARITY EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO. IN JUNE 1974, 63.8 PERCENT WERE SATISFIED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL WHILE ONLY 12.6 PERCENT WERE UNSATISFIED. PRESIDENT FORD'S POPULARITY IN ISRAEL IS HIGHER THAN DR. KISSING'S BUT IS ALSO ON THE WAY DOWN. WHILE 43.6 PERCENT WERE SATISFIED WITH HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL IN SEPTEMBER 1974, AND 34.0 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER 1974, NOW ONLY 23.2 PERCENT ARE SATISFIED WITH HIM. ON THE OTHER HAND, NUMBER OF THOSE UNSATISFIED WITH FORD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL ROSE FROM 6.3 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER 1974 TO 16.1 PERCENT NOVEMBER 1974 AND STANDS NOW ON 34.3 PERCENT. IN ACCORDANCE, NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAD NO OPINION AT ALL CONCERNING PRESIDNET DECREASED FROM 32.5 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER 1974 TO 30.3 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER 1974. -, \$ 59 18.8 PERCENT NOW, WITH MOST OF THOSE WHO DID FORM AN OPINION ON THE NEW PRESIDENT FORMING A NEGATIVE OPINION.

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5. ISRAEL-ARAB RELATIONS: ISRAELIS ARE APPROXIMATELY EVELY DIVIDED BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE WILLING RETURN TO PRE-SIX DAY WAR BOUNDARIES (46.4 PERCENT) AND THOSE WHO DO NOT (42.9 PERCENT) - IN EXCHANGE FOR FINAL PEACE TREATY. THE LOWER SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS, IN TERMS OF EDUCATION, INCOME AND ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN ORIGIN, ARE LESS WILLING TO RETURN TO PRE-SIX DAY WAR BOUNDARIES, EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR FINAL PEACE TREATY. THESE FINDINGS ARE IN LINE WITH GENERAL OPINION STATED IN FORMER PORI POLLS, NAMELY, THAT CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ISRAELIS ARE WILLINGGIVE UP OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BUT ONLY IN EXCHANGE FOR FINAL PEACE TREATY; WITHOUT IT, THEY WOULD NOT ADVOCATE ANY WITHDRAWAL. ON CONTRARY, A GREAT MAJORITY, 69.0 PERCENT, SAID IN LAST POLL THAT ISRAEL

SHOULD INTERVENE WITH FORCE IF PRESIDENT SADAT TRANSFERS CONSIDERABLE EGYPTIAN FORCES OVER SUEZ CANAL ONCE IT IS RE-OPENED.

6. RABIN'S GOVERNMENT: CLOSE TO 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL ISRAELI POPULATION BELIEVE RABIN'S GOVERNMENT HAS FULFILLED SOME OR ALL OF EXPECTATIONS PEOPLE HAD IN IT, NOW THAT ITS COMPLETED ITS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE. THESE FINDINGS COINCIDE WITH RABIN'S OWN POPULARITY, WHICH STOOD AT 56.1 PERCENT IN APRIL 1975. RABIN'S GOVERNMENT DOES NOT YET ENJOY THE HIGH MARK GOLDA MEIR'S GOVERNMENT ENJOYED BEFORE THEYOM KIPPUR WAR, BUT IT SEEMS TO GAIN FORCE.

DEVALUATION: THE STUDY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED 12 DAYS BEFORE THE 2 PERCENT DEVALUATION OF THE ISRAELI POUND, JUN 17, SHOWS THAT MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS HAD A NOTION OF WHAT WAS COMING. 53.9 PERCENT SAID A DEVALUATION IS CERTAIN, AND ANOTHER 12.3 PERCENT SAID WE MIGHT HAVE ANOTHER DEVALUATION THIS YEAR.

7. FULL REPORT BEING AIRPOUCHED JUNE 20.
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